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FIRST COMMENTARIES IN PRESS SERVICES OF CDU, SPD AND FDP AND STATEMENTS BY PARTY LEADERS APPRAISE DECISION ON CUBA AS FOLLOWS:

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MAJORITY PARTY CDU PRESS SERVICE SAID KENNEDY'S DECISION OF FAR-REACHING CONSEQUENCES FOR ENTIRE WORLD. MUST RECOGNIZE RESTRAINT OF PRESIDENT WHO TRIED TIRELESSLY TO GET RID OF TENSIONS PRODUCED BY SOVS. HE WENT TO FARTHEST LIMITS WHICH US SECURITY PERMITTED. KENNEDY'S FIRM DETERMINATION IN TAKING NECESSARY MEASURES TO BE ENTIRELY WELCOMED. PRESIDENT HAS SHOWN BY PATIENCE AND CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS HIS DESIRE FOR PEACE. READINESS TO NEGOTIATE EXISTS NOW AS BEFORE. GERMAN PEOPLE UNDERSTAND KENNEDY'S DETERMINATION AND AGREE WITH HIM ENTIRELY.

BRENTANO (LEADER OF CDU PARLIAMENTARY GROUP) ISSUED STATEMENT OCT 23 AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE

STATEMENT OF US PRESIDENT IS COURAGEOUS APPEAL TO ALL WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PRESERVATION OF PEACE IN WORLD. FROM THIS STATEMENT SPEAKS DEEP FEELING OF RESPONSIBILITY OF MAN WHO REPRESENTS STRONGEST NATION OF WORLD. IN THIS HOUR AMERICAN NATION MUST KNOW THAT ITS ALLIES AND FRIENDS STAND AT ITS SIDE. GERMAN PEOPLE ALSO KNOW THAT GOAL OF AMERICAN POLICY IS NOT TRIUMPH OF POWER, BUT MAINTENANCE OF JUSTICE. THOUGH NOT OF PEACE AT COST OF FREEDOM. WE FEEL OURSELVES IN THIS MOMENT OBLIGATED TO AND ALLIED WITH AMERICAN PEOPLE AND

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THEIR PRESIDENT IN CALM RESOLUTION TO PRESERVE AND DEFEND PEACE AND FREEDOM IN ALL PARTS OF WORLD. SOLIDARITY OF FREE WORLD IS GUARANTEED THAT WE WILL ATTAIN TOGETHER THIS HIGH AND IRREVERSIBLE GOAL. END QUOTE

OPPOSITION SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PRESS SERVICE CALLED KENNEDY DECISION ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS OF RECENT TIMES. FACT THAT DECISION MADE WITH OPPOSITION SUPPORT INDICATES SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH AMERICANS JUDGED SITUATION. UNDERSTANDABLE THAT US FELT THREATENED ON SOUTHERN FLANK. SOVIETS NOW HAVE LARGE FIELD FOR COUNTERACTION. KHRUSHCHEV COULD MOVE IN KOREA OR NEAR EAST, IN EUROPE OR SOUTHEAST ASIA. KENNEDY HAS STATED U.S. PREPARED FOR ALL EVENTUALITIES. FREE WORLD HAS OBLIGATION TO STAND CLOSER TOGETHER, STRENGTHEN COMMON DEFENSE AND MUTUAL TRUST. BERLIN MAYOR BRANDT, IN SEPARATE REMARKS, REACTED IN SIMILAR POSITIVE VEIN.

FOR PRESS SERVICE SEES KHRUSHCHEV FACED WITH CONSEQUENCES OF HIS OWN MISCALCULATIONS IN CUBA. US HAS REPEATEDLY WARNED SOVS AGAINST CUBAN ROCKET BASES. UNFORTUNATELY KHRUSHCHEV DID NOT TAKE KENNEDY'S WARNINGS SERIOUSLY. EITHER IN CUBA OR BERLIN, KENNEDY HAS WARNED KHRUSHCHEV AGAINST NEW PRESSURES ON BERLIN. BUT SOVS CAN BE EXPECTED TO SEEK WAY OF AVOIDING POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC SETBACK. CONSEQUENTLY WE STAND AT BRINK OF WAR. WE CAN ONLY HOPE RUSSIAN LEADERS AWARE OF DANGER. KHRUSHCHEV AWARE OF WESTERN READINESS TO NEGOTIATE MODUS VIVENDI. IT IS TO BE HOPED HE WILL NOT PLACE FUTURE OF HIS COUNTRY IN JEOPARDY AS FAVOR TO FANATICAL CENTRAL AMERICAN DICTATOR.

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